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DATE: December 1, 2010
TO: Gymnasium Users
FROM: Peggy Ford, Senior Recreation Supervisor
SUBJECT: GYMNASIUM GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY

The Los Altos Recreation Department is seeking your assistance in preserving the quality of the schools and neighborhoods in which you are using facilities. Group use of our gyms impacts not only the gym itself, but also the school, streets and surrounding neighbors. Our Good Neighbor Gymnasium Use Policy is designed to provide you with a quality facility for play; preserve the quality of life for residents surrounding the facilities; and protect the school facilities used by the students in the community.

This Good Neighbor Policy is straightforward – Treat the facility, school and surrounding community as you would like to have your own facility and neighborhood treated. Common sense should always prevail in the interpretation of this policy. Listed below are areas of particular concern.

- FACILITIES:** Please make sure that your group and participants do their best to care for our facilities. Remember that no street shoes are allowed on the playing surface of the gymnasium floors at any time. Also, there is no food or drinks allowed in the gymnasium – this includes post game snacks. We appreciate your cooperation in monitoring these issues with your participants and spectators.
- PARKING:** Please have your group park in designated parking lots. There are currently two parking lots at each gymnasium. If street parking is necessary, **NEVER** park in front of a neighbor's driveway or block sidewalk access. You may want to consider establishing a car pool system for your participants.
- NOISE:** Please be sensitive to the noise levels your activities generate, particularly in the early weekend mornings. Your group may be eager to get going at the crack of dawn, but not all the neighbors are as eager.
- RESTROOMS:** There are restroom facilities located adjacent to the gymnasium. Please make sure that your groups respect these facilities. We share restrooms with the students from the Los Altos School District and it is not fair for them to return to a restroom that has not been properly cared for.

TRASH: Please remember to pack all trash. This includes not only trash generated specifically by your activity, but trash generated by spectators as well. The gymnasium is equipped with trash cans.

Understand that this policy is established for the benefit of you the user as well as our neighbors. The complaints and concerns we've had from neighbors have been minimal and we would like to keep it that way. Inform your team members, coaches, families and friends of our policies. We have said please many times throughout this policy, however failure to abide by these policies may result in the loss of athletic facility use privileges for your group. Don't let this happen to you.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the Los Altos Recreation Department at (650) 947-2790 or email info@losaltosrecreation.org.